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# URBAN DISTRICT OF NEYLAND.

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

## FOR THE YEAR 1937.

To the Chairman and Members,
Neyland Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

Your District covers an area of 640 acres and has an estimated population for mid 1937 of 2,078 (Registrar-General's figures).

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1937 was 497, and the total Rateable Value £5,790. The sum representated by a Penny Rate is £22. 4. 9. The decrease in the number of inhabited houses is partly accounted for by the closing of certain slum properties.

Extract of Vital Statistics.

| | Total | M. | F. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Live Births - Legitimate | 27 | 14 | 13 | Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated population 13·47. |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 0 | ~~Rate per 1,000 total (Live and still) Births 13·47.~~ |
| Still Births - None | | | | |
| Deaths | 25 | 12 | 13 | Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 12·03. |

Deaths from Puerperal causes - None.

Death Rate of infants under one year of age 1.

All infants per 1,000 live births 35·71.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births 37·03.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 1 male. 2. females

" Measles (all ages) None.

" Whooping Cough (all ages) None.

" Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) None.

The Birthrate shows an increase on the previous year of

1·26 and is higher than many of the big towns but slightly lower than the average for the smaller towns of the Country.

I am happy to record the death rate for the second year in succession shows a slight decrease and compares favourably with other parts of the Country.

During 1937 the town was singularly free from infectious diseases except for the epidemic of influenzia during the months of January , February and March, 1937, and from which the Country as a whole suffered.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

I am as before part time Medical Officer of Health and the Council employ an Official whose duties comprise Sanitary Inspector and those of Surveyor.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

As before we send samples of milk to the Beck Laboratory, Swansea, and throat swabs to the Department of the County Medical Officer of Health.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

These facilities are unchagned and have proved adequate for our requirements.

NURSING IN THE HOME

This is carried out by the District Nurse and one private Nurse and proves satisfactory.

TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS

The School Medical Department of the County Council provide a Clinic for the treatment of minor ailments of school children and also for dental treatment.

HOSPITALS

There are no Hospitals within our District nor has the Local Authority any arrangements with Hospitals.

MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES

These are controlled by the County Council and there are no

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nursing homes within the Urban District of Neyland.

WATER

The water supply is obtained from the Milford Haven U.D. Council and has proved satisfactory both in quality and in quantity, the Milford Haven authority have periodic bacteriological and chemical examinations carried out and I have been given to understand that the results obtained are satisfactory. An extension of the pipe line to supply the Great Western Railway has been carried out during the year.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Unfortunately this matter has received no further consideration during the year as no grants could be obtained for the scheme put forward in the previous year. Most of the houses in the town are still served by earth closets, but a few are converting to water closets, draining into cess-pits.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

There are none subject to pollution.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION

There are no public urinals within the District, and I take this opportunity to urge the Council to give this matter their consideration at the earliest possible date as with an abundant supply of water and the construction of cess-pits it is not now impossible, and I think a town of this size should have some provision of this kind.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

This work is carried out by contract and is reasonably satisfactory. Cess-pool cleansing is carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Shops No action has been found necessary, conditions being satisfactory.

Smoke abatement No nuisance has arisen from this scource.

Swimming Baths & Pools There are none.

Eradication of bed-bugs No case of this type has come under my notice, during my ten years of office.

Schools The two elementary schools situated within the Area obtain their water supply from the general main supply. The health of the scholars and the prevention of Infectious disease are mainly controlled by the County School Authorities.

HOUSING

I Inspection of Dewelling-houses during the year

| | |
|---|---|
| 1.(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Acts) | 57. |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 82. |
| 2.(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorder under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 9. |
| (b) Number of inspections for the purpose | 11. |
| 3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 14. |
| 4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 63. |

II Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal Notices

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 58. |

III Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936. | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | 39. |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices | |
| (a) By Owners | Nil. |
| (b) By local Authority in default of Owners | Nil. |

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 23.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
(a) By owners
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 14.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.

IV. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Nil.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein Nil.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding during the year Nil.

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil.

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil.

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report: ----

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Particulars of Carcases inspected and condemned.

| | Cattle, excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed (if known) | Not known | Not Known | | Not known | Not known |
| Number inspected | 10 | --- | ----- | 100 | 20 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemmed | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. | Nil. |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemmed | " | " | " | " | " |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis | " | " | " | " | " |
| Tuberculosis only | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemmed | " | " | " | " | " |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemmed | " | " | " | " | " |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | " | " | " | " | " |

milk supply

The dairies within the District are inspected. No samples of milk were taken during 1937 as no funds were placed at my disposal for this purpose. But I am happy to say that money is now available for this purpose.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Slaughter houses, bakeries, Shops &., have been inspected during the year with satisfactory results in all cases.

There is no meat marketing scheme in operation.

ADULTERATION

No cases requiring action occurred.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD

This work can be carried out at the Beck Laboratory,

Swansea, but their services have not been required in this respect.

NUTRITION

No action has been taken as I think the general feeling here is that lack of money, not lack of knowledge, is the cause of any cases of Malnutrition within the Area.

SHELL FISH

I am not aware of any shell fish beds within the boundaries of the Local Authority.

PREVELANCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As already noted Influenza was the only epidemic and was of a comparatively mild type. During the year it was decided to ask the County Council to consider the erection of a new Isolation Hospital in a more central situation. I put before the Council factsx concerning artifical Immunization against Diptheria which I suggested could be made available for children of a given age group each year with a view to minimising the cost, after some consideration the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THEYEAR 1937.

Pneumonia 1. Scarlatine 1.

No other compulsory notifiable diseases occurred.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

No action necessary.

TUBERCULOSIS

No persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis have been connected with the milk trade during the year in so far as I am aware. Nor has it been found necessary to force the removal to hospital of any cases.

## TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1937.

| | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Respiratory. | | Non-respiratory | | Respiratory. | | Non-respiratory | |
| Age periods | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 1 - 5 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 15 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 25 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 35 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| 45 | | | | | | | | |
| 65 and upwards | | | | | | 1 | | |

All the deaths from Tuberculosis had been previously notified.

I am. Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.A.K.DOUGLAS.

Medical Officer of Health.

Callart,
Neyland,
Pembs.

June, 1938.